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PIRACY SUSPECTS IN CONGRESS LEADERS COURT.

TO BE FREED.

Story of British Third Officer.

Viceroy's Amnesty of Political Prisoners.

OF WHAT GOOD?

New Delhi, Yesterday. Among the Congress leaders to be released with Gandhi (probably to-morrow evening) are Vallabhai Patel, Sen Gupta, Mrs. Naidu, and Jawarhal Nehru. —Reuter.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the case for the Crown, whilst Mr. Hing-shing Lo, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, is defending.

Speed Attracts Attention.

Mr. Paul Stidholme, Third Officer of the s.s. Hang Sang, in evidence, said that on the day in question he kept forenoon watch and came on again at 12.30 p.m. The ship was

on a journey to Swatow from Hong Kong, and was travelling N. 74 E. (true). Its speed was about 10½ knots.

Whilst on the bridge witness saw three sails on the starboard side of the steamer, about six miles distant. As they got closer, he noticed that the junks' bearing was being altered, and their speed attracted his attention. There was a little wind. He took his spy-glass and saw one large junk and two smaller ones. It appeared to him that the larger one was being hotly pursued by the smaller craft.

COURSE ALTERED.

As the Hang Sang got closer still, witness noticed that the man at the tiller of the large junk was waving something about. This was about 12.50 p.m. and the junks were by then about five points to the starboard of the bow of the ship, and about one mile distant. By the time that the ship got almost abreast of the craft, the leading junk began to alter its course, and the crew on it were all shouting out together and waving their arms as they rowed rapidly. Obviously there was something wrong, so witness called the Quartermaster. Witness put the helm of the Hang Sang to port and thus altered its course. He gave a warning to the engineers to stand by, and the quartermaster went ashore and called the Captain, who was at his tiffin. Noticing that the ship had altered course, the two smaller junks headed toward land, and left the big junk to the ship.

Witness went down to the chart room and brought up six rifles, two of which he loaded. The Captain then took over the bridge. The ship manoeuvred around and the crew of the large junk beckoned to them for help. They took the craft to tow, after examining the master's papers, but the tow rope broke. The crew were in a very exhausted condition. It was about 1.30 p.m.

SOMETHING THROWN OVERBOARD.

On approaching one of the two pursuing junks witness noticed that something had been thrown overboard, and there was a splash in the sea. He went to the bow, and, after ordering the sails to be brought down, saw that something more was thrown into the water. Previously witness had noticed six men rowing, but now there were only three men visible. They remained with the junk till H.M.S. Somme came.

The other junk was captured by the s.s. Soochow, which had been following the Hang Sang, having left Hong Kong harbour an hour later. This junk was also passed over to the Somme. Witness heard no firing.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness agreed that there was a little favourable wind, and that the junks had taken advantage of it.

Mr. Lo: 'It was a calm day. Would you hear a shot if it was fired, at a distance of about eight nautical miles?' Witness: 'I don't know how far a rifle shot will carry.'

NO FEAR OF COLLISION.

In reply to further questions put to him, witness said that there were not very many fishing junks for a stretch of about 40 to 50 miles between Hong Kong and Swatow. He would not be surprised to find one there, though. When he first saw the three junks, they were about a mile to the north of Pedro Blanco, and there was no fear of a collision.

Mr. Lo suggested that the splash witness saw might have been that of a fishing net being cast into the water, but witness

SIR P. FITZPATRICK.

ALLEGED ORIGINATOR OF TWO MINUTES' SILENCE.

DEATH ANNOUNCED.

Capetown, Yesterday. The death took place to-day of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, K.C.M.G., who claimed to have originated the idea of the two minutes' Silence for Armistice Day.

KING'S TRIBUTE.

Lord Stamfordham wrote on behalf of His Majesty in 1920, assuring Sir Percy Fitzpatrick that the King "ever gratefully remembers that the idea of a two minutes' pause on Armistice Day was due to your initiation—a suggestion readily adopted and carried out with heartiest sympathy throughout the Empire."

Sir Percy Fitzpatrick was in London shortly after the War and made, it is asserted, the suggestion to Lord Milner, who passed it on to authoritative quarters. —Reuter.

[Sir (James) Percy Fitzpatrick was born at King William's Town in 1862, being the son of the Hon. James Coleman Fitzpatrick, of Nenagh, Ireland, and married Elizabeth Cubitt of Pretoria, in 1889. Educated at St. Gregory's College, Downside, Bath, he went to the Transvaal in 1884 and accompanied the Randolph Churchill expedition through Mashonaland in 1891. In 1892 he joined the firm of H. Eckstein and Co., became a partner in 1898, and retired in 1908. Sir Percy was for a time Hon. Secretary to the Reform Committee, and was imprisoned for political work in connection with that body. In 1910 he was elected a member for Pretoria East in the Union Parliament, and retired from Parliamentary work in 1920. He was the author of many books on South Africa.]

GERMANS ILL-USUED.

COMPLAINT FROM SETTLERS IN SILESIA.

LEAGUE ACTION.

Geneva, Yesterday. The final sitting of the League Council disposed of the most important issue with which it has been faced for a long time, namely, the complaint of ill-treatment of the German minority in Upper Silesia.

The Council adopted the report of the Committee presided over by the Japanese delegate, Mr. Yoshizawa, which found that Poland had in numerous cases infringed the Minorities Convention, and suggesting the steps the Polish Government should take to remedy the situation.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, in a closing speech, congratulated the Council, and particularly the German and Polish delegates, upon the happy outcome of the proceedings which would be greeted with relief by every friend of the League of Nations. —Reuter.

VISIT TO POLICE LEADS TO CHARGE AGAINST HER MISTRESS.

MUI TSAI CASE.

A fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment was imposed on Kang Kam, married woman, of 279, Reclamation Street, for keeping an unregistered mui tsai between September 2 and October 11 and January 20-23.

At the Kowloon Magistracy today Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen said that the S.C.A. did not wish to press for a heavy penalty in this case, as there were no aggravating circumstances, and owing to the defendant being absent from the Colony during part of the registration period, it was possible that she was unaware of the new order. He also added that the charge of assault was found to be false.

Inspector Clarke said that on Friday last complainant, Lok Kam, came to the Police Station and said she had been assaulted by her mistress, Kang Kam.

The case was reported to the S.C.A. and investigation was discovered that complainant was in an exhausted state.

The hearing was adjourned.

He saw a considerable amount of stuff being thrown overboard from the two junks. Just as the Somme came up something else was thrown into the sea. The other junk was eventually captured by the s.s. Soochow. The crews of the two other junks were not by any means in an exhausted state.

The damage to the port alone is estimated at 80,000,000 francs.

MRS. XAVIER'S CASE.

MAGISTRATE FIXES DATE OF HEARING.

MR. MANTON'S RECOVERY.

On the charge of having attempted to murder Mr. Alfred Joseph Manton, at 416, Lockhart Road, on December 27, by firing at him with a revolver, Mrs. Jesus Maria Xavier made her fifth appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson appeared for the defence, and intimated that the Crown was ready to go on with the case, but that he would like a date fixed.

Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy said that Mr. Manton was discharged from Hospital on Saturday. The evidence would

CREDIT POLICY.

MEANS OF DISTRIBUTING GOLD TO THE WORLD.

LONG TERM TREND.

Geneva, Yesterday. The most important measures and proposals for achieving a beneficial distribution of gold are:

The grant to monetary authorities powers to enable the pursuit of an advisable credit policy;

The reduction of the existing minima of reserves legally required in the Central Banks in accordance with the previous international understanding;

The maintenance of the general practice of not circulating gold coin;

Close collaboration between the Central Banks;

Improved mechanism for the issue of foreign loans and the promotion of international transactions on existing securities.

The Report observes that during the past fifteen years, owing to the war and its consequences, the distribution of gold has been largely determined by non-monetary causes, and that these should work out themselves. The process may be slow, but could be accelerated by the restoration of confidence.

The Report, referring to the recent generalisation of the gold exchange standard, says that the task of the Central Banks becomes more delicate and more difficult. It points out that countries adopting the gold standard automatically assume the responsibility of conducting an economic and financial policy which shall maintain confidence and facilitate the general working of the standard.

The Report concludes by expressing the belief that the adoption of principles at the outset will lead to a more economic distribution of gold and prevent the magnitude of supplies of new gold exercising an influence on the long term trend of the purchasing power of gold. —Reuter.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong 66

Macao 65

Pratas Island ... 74

Manila 72

Foochow 58

Amoy 60

Swatow 64

Shanghai 40

Chefoo 24

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day states:

The Eastern Sea depression is now central over Mid-Japan.

The Tonkin depression is filling up.

A strong anticyclone is central over N. China.

The monsoon will freshen considerably along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast: N. E. winds, freshening considerably; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist; cold.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.11 inch against an average of 1.02.

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SHIP GROUNDS IN WEST RIVER.

PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF BY ANOTHER STEAMER.

ATTEMPTED REFLOATING.

News reached Hong Kong last night of the grounding of the s.s. Kochow in the West River yesterday afternoon.

The mishap is understood to have occurred in the Kam Chuk rapids, at a point about five miles below Shamshui, and near Camp-bell Island.

It was learned also that the s.s. Anjou (Captain Wm. Wilson), the local agents for which are Messrs. Kwei Lin & Co., arrived on the scene soon after the stranding and took off the Kochow's passengers and brought them down to Hong Kong, arriving here at 7 o'clock last night.

The Kochow left Hong Kong for Wuchow on January 21, and was on the return trip to Hong Kong when she went aground.

It is understood that an attempt was made at 5 o'clock this morning to get the Kochow off, but with what result is not yet known. The ship is pretty high off the water, but, as far as can be gathered, is not holed.

It is a common occurrence at this time of the year for ships to go aground in the West River which is low on account of the dry season.

The Kochow (Captain Morgan), which is owned by the Tai Hong S.S. Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong, has a tonnage of 557 (350 net). She was built in Hong Kong in 1915 by the Kwong Tai Cheong shipyard, and flies the British flag, having been registered here.

The dimensions of the Kochow are:—Length 150.4; breadth 25.0; depth 9.6.

It will be recalled that the Kochow ran ashore, also, in the West River, last year, and was subsequently taken back to Wuchow.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

LANCE SERGT COMMENDED.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:

General.

Revolver Practice. There will be no revolver practice at the Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company, and of the Flying Squad will have been registered here.

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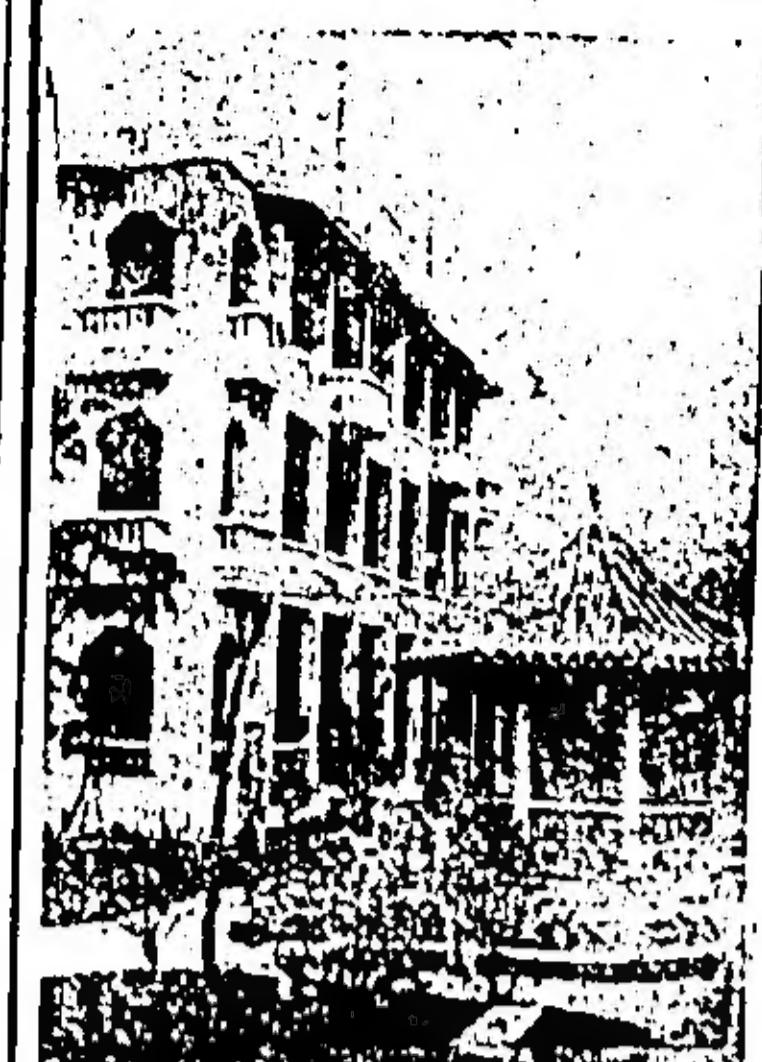
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eloquent speech by Prof. ROBERTSON.

"THE IMMORTAL MEMORY."

"The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" was toasted in eloquent terms by Professor R. Robertson at the annual "Burns Nicht" dinner, held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, on Saturday. The speaker referred in graphic manner to Burns' gradual awakening to the fact that he was destined to be a nation's poet, to his subsequent experiences in Edinburgh, amongst the highest Society of the day, and to his ultimate return to that beloved countryside whence he came.

The Chieftain of the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society; Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, was in the chair, and introduced Professor Robertson to the gathering.

Following the "Immortal Memory," the toast of "The Lassies" was proposed by Dr. J. W. Anderson in a witty little speech, Mr. W. L. Handyside replying on behalf of the fairer sex, in evidently suitable manner.

Mere Sassenachs took very

little part in the affair, although Mr. George Grimble was granted a special dispensation, and became a Scotsman for the evening, which privilege it is understood he claims twice yearly.

Previous to the principal toast of the evening, the haggis was piped in with all due ceremony, Pipe-Major Mackie leading the way.

After the Scotch Broth, Herrin' and Tatties, Haggis, Roast Mutton and Bashed Tatties had been efficiently dealt with, the Chieftain called upon Professor Robertson to propose the "Immortal Memory."

Professor Robertson, proposing "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" said his unwary response was due to the deep cunning of Mr. Shaw in choosing to mention the matter to him on the morning succeeding Hogmanay (laughter). That was a morning in which the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" were still ringing in a Scotsman's ear. He should have been doubly cautious, as a year ago a colleague at the University had stood there in a similar capacity. It might be thought there was a deep-laid scheme afoot to introduce the cold and dry atmosphere of the lecture room into the mild and genial humidity of these annual gatherings. But even professors were human; and in the ill of Burns' verse their academic trapings fell from them.

Burns the Man.

The Scottish people were rightly suspicious of all academic attempts to measure Burns the man. Literary critics were silenced by the sheer intensity of the human temperament as displayed in his works. It was the ordinary man, with all his impulses and failings, and ambitions and self-questionings, who could best understand Burns.

A gathering such as this would perhaps have seemed strange to Burns, but he would soon have accustomed himself to it. He would not have been long in masking himself, in fact. He would have welcomed the haggis, no doubt, and would have hailed the Scots drink, about which he wrote in so effective a strain that it seems churlish to refuse another glass (laughter and applause).

But what he would have welcomed above all would be the good fellowship that characterised the gathering. And he would have viewed with great equanimity the idea of a Professor proposing his health. His attitude to education, to say the least, was ambiguous (laughter), but no doubt he would have found an excuse, even for a Professor of Economics, such were the failings of human nature (more laughter).

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land, in Edinburgh. But he would never have been satisfied by permanent association with literary Edinburgh of that day. So he left, returning to the land, only to find as before that it gave a poor return for a man's labours.

Lived "With Gusto."

Burns lived his life with gusto. "Life called to him," said Raleigh, "and he listened." Edinburgh chilled him, perhaps, but it could not freeze out the vitality that was in him. He died at 37, but he had crowded into that short span a full and varied life. He could be said to have thrown himself at life, recking nothing of the consequences.

"The main they talk, I'm kent the better,

E'en let them clash."

Raised through the force of his genius, Burns, born and bred a peasant, saw more of life than is permitted to most peasants. His poetry ranged over a wider field than if he had been merely a "ploughman poet." But it was true that some of his best work was that in which he interpreted the lives and manners of the Scottish peasantry.

Burns And The Kirk.

Burns would not have been a true Scot if he had not been a theologian. The manner of his life was bound to bring him into conflict with the Scottish Kirk as it then existed. But he did not war with religion or the Kirk, only with hypocrisy, and the self-righteousness of the uneo' guid.

The influence of his work had done much to remove the hard, unbending rigour which was characteristic of Scotland in the 18th Century (Applause).

Saved Lowland Scottish.

In addition, Burns, by his work, had really saved what little Lowland Scottish that was retained to-day. "If it had not been for the homage which Scots pay to their poet, I doubt if Lowland Scottish would have been known to-day," added the speaker.

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SIX ADVENTURERS.

STOWAWAYS WHO WON A MAGISTRATE'S HEART.

Six young stowaways reached the end of their adventure at Thames Police Court one day last month. Rosy-faced, tousle-headed Liver-pool boys, they had found no work in their own town, and, being friends, had each made a small parcel of his worldly goods and crept down to the dock on the night of October 29, determined to seek a fortune in Canada.

They slipped on board the steamer Doric Star, a fruit boat Vancouver bound, and hidden with their bundles in the coal bunkers, they were a day and a night at sea before the crew discovered them.

The captain wirelessed the steamer Viking homeward bound with a cargo of apples and dried fruits. Both ships slightly altered course, and came alongside in the Caribbean Sea. The boys—George, Gerald, Marin, William, Philip, and fifteen-year-old Joseph—were transferred to the homegoing vessel and arrested at London Docks.

They were remanded at Thames Police Court while inquiries were made in Liverpool, and then had their first taste of the cells. The goatherd became their friend.

"Game little beggars," said the policemen at the Thames Court.

The boys, with combed hair and well-soaped faces, faced a magistrate who tried in vain to conceal his sympathy. There was not room for all of them in the dock, and young Joseph had to stand down.

Good characters and anxious parents were reported from Liverpool. The magistrate laid aside his transparent sternness.

"I admire you for trying to get to Canada to find work," he said, "but if you had got there you would not have been allowed to land. I am not going to punish you. I am going to send you all back home."

The stowaways looked at the magistrate and the magistrate looked at the stowaways.

Suddenly they all grinned.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Bruce—North wall.
Cornflower—In dock
Cumberland—North arm.
Herald—South wall.
Iroquois—North wall.
Oasis—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Serapis—East wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Sirdar—No. 12 buoy.
Somme—No. 7 buoy.
Sterling—No. 8 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 7 buoy.
Thracian—No. 8 buoy.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Adamastor—Portuguese cruiser.
Helena—American gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT AT U.K. PORTS.

Decline in British and U.S. Departures.

IN GERMAN ARRIVALS.

The net tonnage of vessels that arrived with cargoes in the foreign trade during October, 1930, at ports of the United Kingdom was 6,928,000 tons, a decrease of 263,000 tons, or 3.5 per cent, as compared with the corresponding total for October, 1929. Considerable increases were recorded in the arrivals with cargo from Central and Eastern Mediterranean countries and from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of North America, while large decreases were recorded in respect of several areas, notably in the case of North Europe, Europe (Atlantic), East Africa, Persian Gulf, India, and South America, Atlantic coast.

With regard to the nationalities concerned, there was an increase in German net tonnage of 104,000 tons, or 5.7 per cent, and a decrease of 352,000 tons, or 7.3 per cent. In British vessels, other large decreases were: United States, 99,000 tons (19.9 per cent.), and French, 33,000 tons (15.2 per cent.). Only 65 per cent. of the net tonnage of the arrivals with cargo was British, as compared with 68 per cent. in October, 1929.

The net tonnage of vessels that arrived in ballast during the month was 4,024,000 tons, an increase of 85,000 tons, or 2.2 per cent., as compared with October of the previous year, states the Board of Trade Journal. Increases were recorded in the majority of the principal nationalities, of which the more conspicuous were French, 85,000 (45.2 per cent.); Dutch, 64,000 tons (33.3 per cent.); and German, 33,000 tons (9.9 per cent.). British arrivals in ballast decreased by 165,000 tons, or 6.3 per cent. Of the net tonnage of the total arrivals in ballast, 61 per cent. was British, as compared with 67 per cent. in October, 1929. The proportion of British net tonnage that arrived in ballast was 36 per cent. both in October, 1930, and in October, 1929.

Preparing for New Cunarder.

Continuing, he marked that the building of the new Cunarder involved dredging not only on the part of the Clyde Trust, but on the part of the Lighthouse Trust, who would require to deepen and widen a portion of the channel at the bad bend below Port-Glasgow. It was not expected that the launch would be finished before May or, possibly, June, 1932, and it would be quite a year after that before the vessel would be ready to go down the river, so that they had an abundance of time to make preparations and get on with the work. They would watch carefully the building of the ship and take care that their part of the dredging was accomplished and ready for the vessel as soon as she was ready for sea.

Dealing with the accounts, he said the revenue of the Trust for the past year was £20,762, being an increase on the previous year of £901. Expenditure charged to revenue came to £18,039, being an increase on the previous year of £418. This left a surplus of £2,722, which had to be carried to the credit of the revenue reserve fund. With regard to revenue from the shipping income for the past year was £17,019, an increase of £560. Tonnage for the past year was 14,870,533 tons, an increase on the preceding year of 336,911 tons. Glasgow tonnage was up 562,098 tons, but Greenock tonnage was down 238,537 tons.

In the year under review both the tonnage and revenue were the highest recorded in the history of the Trust.

Mr. Sloan added that the Committee of Management and Finance had been considering the question of the reduction of the dues. Although they had the prospect of having to spend money upon dredging, that was some time ahead. He moved that from and after January 1, 1931, the rates to be levied by the Trustees be reduced, by granting a further discount of 10 per cent. on the rates at present being levied, which would reduce the rates to 40 per cent. of the maximum authorized by Act of Parliament.

The resolution was approved.

CLYDE DUES.

TO BE REDUCED FROM NEW YEAR.

In his review of the year at the annual meeting of the Clyde Lighthouses Trust, Mr. George Sloan, who was re-elected chairman, made special reference to the experimenting at Cumbrie with what was known he said, as a talking beacon. This cost a good deal of money, but it had been well spent, and it looked as if the apparatus would become of very great use in the near future.

The plant had been made at their own workshops at Port-Glasgow. During the past few months their engineers had been preparing more permanent plant and were carrying out experiments before it was installed. One would hardly realize the importance of this beacon, if it turned out all that it promised and all they expected of it. They could imagine in the case of a vessel making a landfall at one of the lighthouses, possibly after a couple of days dead reckoning, what a help it would be suddenly to hear the human voice with the aid of the gramophone telling the name of the lighthouse, and not only so, but the distance the vessel was from it.

This talking beacon, if it filled their expectations, would become a world-wide institution wherever there was a lighthouse fog signal, and he thought they could congratulate their engineers, Messrs. Stevenson, on this wondrous development.

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STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. s.s. Malwa left Singapore for this port on January 25 at 10 a.m. with the outward British Mail, and is due here on January 30 at about 6 a.m.

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| PERIM | 7,048 | 7th Feb. | Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| KASHGAR | 9,005 | 14th Feb. | Marselles, London, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| MALWA | 10,980 | 28th Feb. | Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| KHIVA | 9,135 | 7th Mar. | Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 14th Mar. | Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'dam & A'werp. |
| SOMALI | — | 21st Mar. | Marselles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp. |
| RAWALPINDI | 15,619 | 28th Mar. | Marselles & London. |
| KARMALA | 9,128 | 11th Apr. | Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'dam & A'werp. |
| RAJPUTANA | 15,563 | 25th Apr. | Marselles & London. |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 9th May | Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'dam & A'werp. |
| COMORIN | 15,132 | 23rd May | Bombay, Marselles & London. |
| KASHMIR | 8,985 | 6th June | Mars., Ldon, Hull, R'dam & A'werp. |
| RANPURA | 15,001 | 20th June | Bombay, Marselles & London. |
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| RAWALPINDI | 16,919 | 18th July | Bombay, Marselles & London. |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 1st Aug. | M'selles, Ldon, R'dam & A'werp. |
| RAJPUTANA | 15,563 | 15th Aug. | Bombay, Marselles & London. |
| KARMALA | 9,128 | 29th Aug. | Marselles & London. |
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| MALWA | 10,980 | 31st Jan. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama, Moji & Kobe. |
| ALIPORE | 5,272 | 1st Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama. |
| TANDA | 6,956 | 6th Feb. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| TAKADA | 6,949 | 8th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KHYBER | 9,114 | 14th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| SOMALI | — | 20th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| TILAWA | 10,006 | 23rd Feb. | Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka. |
| RAWALPINDI | 16,619 | 28th Feb. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500 | 6th Mar. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KALYAN | 9,144 | 10th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| COMORIN | 15,132 | 24th Apr. | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| KASHMIR | 8,985 | 8th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
| TANDA | 6,956 | 8th May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama. |
| RANPURA | 10,001 | 22nd May | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
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| KHYBER | 9,114 | 3rd July | Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama. |
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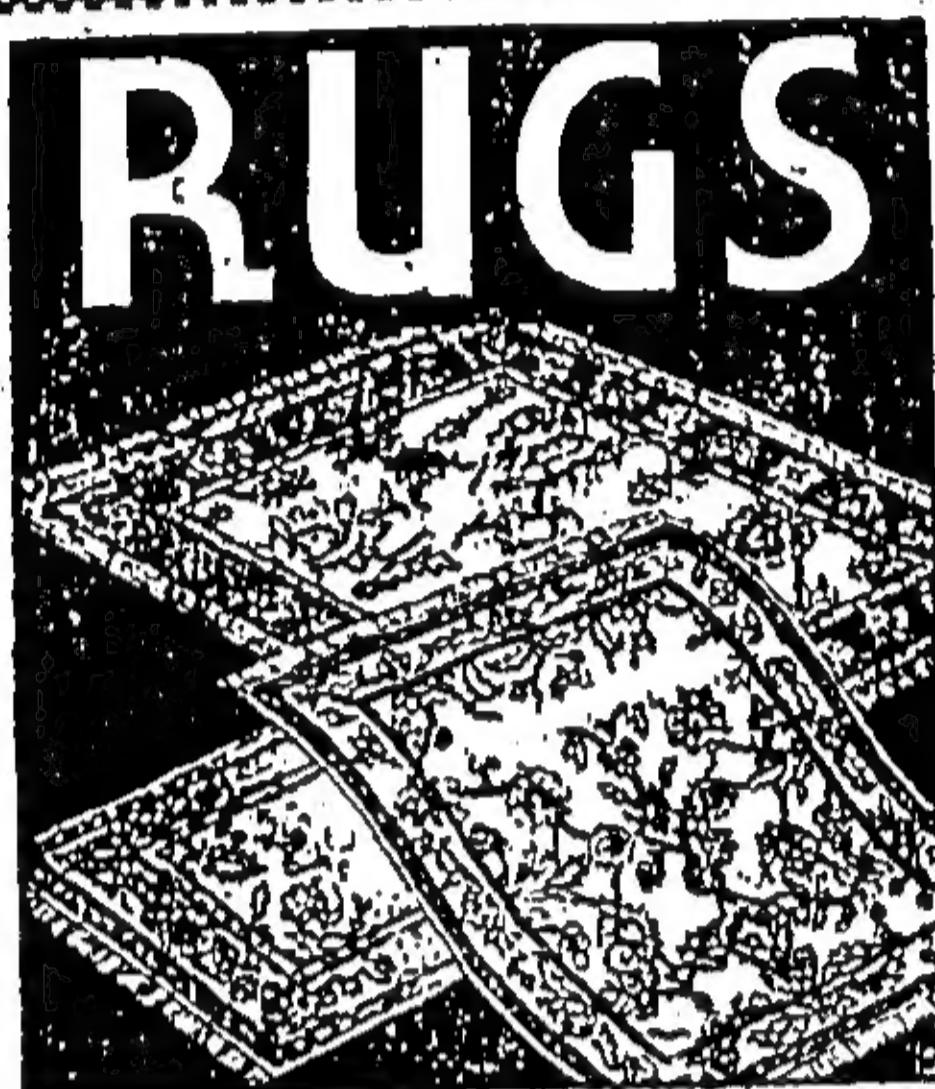
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CURRENCY CRISIS.

It is obvious that the Chinese leaders are not unanimous in regard to the proposed silver loan from the United States. The case against it has been put very forcibly by Mr. Z. U. Zau, Director of the Bureau of Commercial Intelligence in Shanghai, who states that "we do not want anyone to lend us silver, but what we want is someone who will help us to bring back to silver the value it has lost the last few years, and especially during the last twelve months." He suggests that Great Britain should take the lead in promoting a "get together" movement to see what can be done not only to prevent the further decline of silver, but to restore general confidence in the metal as a basis for international credit and commerce.

The suggestion naturally has an appealing interest for this Colony which, no less than China, is suffering from the phenomenally low level of silver. Unfortunately the position cannot be restored by the mere waving of a fairy wand or by the expression of pious wishes. It is recognised, however, that any movement in the direction of the uplift of the value of silver must be international in character, and, not unnaturally, one's eyes turn toward the League of Nations which is in an ideal position to take the initiative in any "get together" movement.

In any study of the currency problem it must strike some observers as a trifle curious that in various parts of the British Empire there should be varying currencies—that Great Britain

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News in Brief.

For stealing articles and clothing from No. 866, Canton Road, the property of three folks, Pun Choi, a Chinese, was at the Kowloon Magistrate this morning sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

Yuen san-yuen, a female earth coolie, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from fractures to both legs above the ankles. She was accidentally knocked down by a two-wheeled truck, laden with earth, at Wanchai.

We record with deep regret the death, which took place at the Royal Naval Hospital on Thursday, of Capt. A. K. Schoop, commander of the United States Naval Patrol of South China. The body is being taken back to America for interment.

The Commander-in-Chief, China, (Admiral Sir A. K. Walcott, K.C.B.), will return to the Colony on board H.M.S. Kent, on Wednesday, from Manila, on the completion of the ship's Southern cruise. H.M.S. Petersfield, the Admiral's yacht, will accompany the flagship.

The annual general meeting of members of St. Andrew's Club will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall at 9 o'clock to-night, when it is proposed to adopt two new resolutions, with regard to Subscriptions and Entrance Fee. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

The body of a Chinese man about 40 years of age, dressed in coarse clothing, was found in a nullah in Soo Street, off Canton Road, at about 8 a.m. to-day. A piece of cloth, thought to be part of a coat, was in the mouth, but up to time of going to press no definite suspicion of murder had been alleged.

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Whilst on the subject of currency and the effect of the low dollar in this Colony it is most amazing to find our morning contemporary of Ice House Street going out of its way to advocate the buying of goods made in China. The sponsors of the native goods campaign in Canton and elsewhere in China have found a warm supporter in a most unexpected quarter. We are told the fairy story that we can purchase here, at amazingly low prices, Canton made cloth and that locally-made shoes of Chinese leather cost a quarter or a sixth of the price of the imported variety, and that women's silk stockings, "no whit inferior to the much more expensive imported article" (advertised in the morning paper in question), are being turned out in Hong Kong and many of the cities of China. It is to be hoped that the local representative of the Federation of British Industries will take suitable action to counteract this very un-British appeal on the part of the British newspaper to buy Chinese goods and to reject the British or other foreign goods. The journalistic appeal appears to have fallen into a dream and imagined that he was on the staff of a veracious paper somewhere in the heart of China instead of in a British Colony on which he depends for his own bread and butter.

A CHINESE PRINCESS.

How She Was Beaten By Child Emperor.

A beautiful Chinese Princess, who at the age of three was betrothed to the then child Emperor of China, has just become a film actress in Paris.

She is Princess Hoang Thi The, and she says that her ambition is not to become a famous actress but to find a husband and found a family at her home in Indo-China.

"No woman can hope for greater happiness than that which comes from being the mother of worthy children," she said, in an interview.

"I think, too, that a woman must obey her husband who gives her his name and places his confidence in her."

NEW AIR GOODS SERVICE.

Co-operation with the Railways.

RAPID TRANSIT.

Rapid progress is being made with plans for making fuller use of the main air lines, especially in the carriage of light freight, and soon it will be possible, by using combined air, sea, and land express services, to save much time in the transport of goods over long distances.

The first step will be co-operation between Imperial Airways, Ltd., and the four big railway companies in Great Britain in forwarding parcels over all the routes where aircraft are operating.

Goods sent on this service will be carried by express train to the nearest aerodrome and thence by air as far as possible, and will complete their journey if necessary by express train.

The saving of time for all places served, directly or indirectly, by the India and South Africa air routes will be very great, often resulting in a reduction by more than half of the time normally taken.

The new scheme differs from the air mail services now in operation in that goods weighing more than 11 lb. are affected. It is an extension of the scheme proposed last year by a Canadian Company for co-operation between shipping, rail and air companies in the rapid despatch of goods. This scheme, which embraces French air transport companies, enables Canadian exporters to save much time in the delivery of goods on the Continent.

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TALK-FILM FOR NAVY.

An Enquiry By The Admiralty.

The Admiralty is considering every aspect of talk-film apparatus with a view to its use in ships of the Navy.

At present big ships are equipped with silent projecting apparatus, maintained by the canteen funds. All questions as to apparatus and the types of film used, therefore, have hitherto been domestic matter for the individual ship.

The Admiralty, however, has realised that talk-film apparatus may be much more costly both to buy and to maintain than compared with the present apparatus, so a complete investigation is being made.

A Committee of the Admiralty has obtained information as to cost of machinery from the different firms engaged in its manufacture in Britain and America. Tests are being made to ascertain which equipment gives the best results in the particular conditions ruling on board ship. Questions of "hire purchase," maintenance, film purchase and hire, and every other aspect of the use of talk-films are being considered.

The Committee, when it has arrived at its conclusions, will make recommendations which will be sent to Commanders-in-Chief for their comment.

THE NEW SCARVES.

The new scarves are a feature of these Idaho creations, some being shaped to the neck and arms and thrown across the front of the dress, the ends falling at the back. Some of the scarves are short; in one long scarf the ends touch the ground, where large cut-out flowers are applied.

Long frocks have created a new problem for the chorus. Those taking part in the singing, which is particularly fine, will wear the fashionable trains, but the dancers have had to have the new line of the long frocks abbreviated for them, a very difficult matter.

A PROCESSION OF NOUGHTS.

Figures That Lose Meaning.

SUN'S PULL ON THE EARTH.

London, Dec. 16. The sun gives out a light equal to that of 3,000,000,000,000,000,000 candles. Yes, the nine sets of three noughts are correct.

The weight of the earth is 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 (six billion trillion) tons.

These are some of the facts given about the universe by Sir James Jeans, the astronomer and Cambridge professor, during a lecture.

If it were not for the pull of the sun on the earth, according to Prof. Jeans, the earth's speed of about 10 miles a second would soon carry it far away from the sun into the cold depths of space, and we should meet an icy death within a few weeks.

Sir James said the sun's weight could be calculated from its pull on the earth. The sun has 332,000 times the weight of the earth and for every ounce of the earth's substance the sun has very nearly a ton. Because the sun has this huge weight its gravitational pull is tremendous.

Speaking of the weight and gravitation, he said, "A strong man who lived on the sun would only be able to throw a ball for two or three yards, and would hardly be able to lift a seven pound weight."

To perform either of these feats he would have to be made of steel; a man of ordinary flesh and blood would be crushed flat under his own weight."

AMERICAN FAMILY CIRCLE.

Relations of U.S. with Latin America.

Washington, Dec. 24.
The United States Government during 1930 gave frequent indications of its desire to enjoy the good will of the Latin American republics and to avoid any unwarranted interference in their affairs.

Although nearly one half of the American republics underwent severe political or economic crisis as the result of depressed world markets for agriculture and mineral products, the United States in every case carefully avoided political involvement in the international affairs of any other country.

The outstanding feature of United States international political policy during the year was the prompt recognition of de facto governments which could give assurance of their ability and determination to fulfil international obligations. This policy was generally regarded by Latin American peoples as an indication that this country was not employing its right of recognition as an instrument of coercion.

President Hoover's use of the arms embargo, authorised by act of Congress, to the advantage of the federal regime during the Brazilian revolution, was perhaps the most controversial feature of United States policy toward Latin America during the year. Some international observers felt that the employment of such an embargo is inconsistent with the trend of policy toward non-interference.

In the economic sphere, the year was marked by a rapid decline in volume of United States loans to Latin American countries, and by falling import and export trade.

New Tariff.
The United States' tariff law provoked some dissatisfaction in Latin American countries, and occasioned readjustments in trade. As the year ended, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Argentina were re-



He: "Can I throw you a kiss?"
She: "Don't be lazy!"—
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

ported to be studying various phases of their own tariff laws with a view to revision. No country openly challenged the principle that tariff legislation is a matter of domestic and not international policy.

Extraordinary depression in prices of basic commodities during the year gave an increasing international importance to the United States anti-trust laws. International agreements looking to the stabilisation of sugar, petroleum curtailment of production were retarded in realisation through uncertainty as to their legal consequences in this country.

United States relations with particular Latin American countries of special interest during 1930 were as follows:

President Hoover sent a special mission to Haiti and subsequently made effective its recommendations, the chief purport of which was to restore legislative Government and to assure the constitutional election of a new president.

Hands Off.

The United States kept hands off during a Dominican Republic political turnover early in the year, and American relief organisations aided in hurricane relief during the summer. The White House sent a special emissary to ascertain whether the situation required modifications in international fiscal arrangements.

The United States Government promptly recognised the de facto Governments following revolutions in Argentina, Peru, and Bolivia, asserting that it acted promptly "in order that in the present economic situation our delay may not embarrass the people of these friendly countries in re-establishing their normal intercourse with the rest of the world."

Official Washington warmly entertained President Elect Julio Prestes when he returned the good will visit of President Hoover to Brazil. When a revolution broke out in Brazil, the United States proclaimed an arms embargo, disadvantageous to the revolutionists, and sent a cruiser to bring home any Americans that might wish to leave.

Upon the success of the Brazilian revolution, the United States quickly recognised the de facto Government of General Getulio

BRITISH RULE IN INDIA.

Strange Misconceptions in Japan.

IS MALAYA RUMBLING?

Mr. Roland Braddell's, Rotary Speech.

In Japan, the most extraordinary misconceptions regarding British rule in India are rife, while false assertions circulate freely and gain ready credence, writes the Tokyo correspondent of the Morning Post.

Recently, for example, one of the leading papers in Tokyo has strongly censured the British Government for "refusing" to let any Indian Congressmen attend the Round-Table Conference, while another, though less reputable, journal editorially asserted that "British soldiers are ruthlessly shooting down defenceless Indian crowds without mercy."

To imagine from this that Japan, as a nation, is strongly partisan with regard to the Indian Nationalist movement would be to labour under a misapprehension. The bulk of the people are probably but little interested in the rights and the wrongs of the question, and few, even of the many who are misled into the belief that British rule in India is tyranny personified, are more than passively sympathetic with the alleged wrongs inflicted on Gandhi and his followers.

The British Example.

As for the Japanese official class, their attitude is best summed up in the words of a well-known Japanese statesman, who in the course of a recent talk I had with him on the subject of the present situation in India, remarked: "Our main concern in the matter is to watch the reaction on Korea and Formosa, and to try and learn from the way you British handle the situation in India how best to deal with our own problems in our overseas possessions."

Faced as they are with somewhat similar problems in Korea and Formosa, Japanese officials are naturally disinclined to censure British rule in India. Rather are they appreciative of the difficulties with which the British administrators have to contend, and are inclined, therefore, to sympathise with them in their trials and tribulations instead of condemning their actions.

At the same time, there is a small but active group of Japanese who are openly sympathetic with the Indian extremists and ready to believe any calumny directed against the British Raj. These men lend themselves readily to the machinations of the little group of Indian malcontents living in Japan, and are generally to be found in the ranks of the Black Dragon Society and other similar reactionary organisations. These are the same men who, a few years ago, joined in the abortive Pan-Asian movement.

Indian Agitators.

It is interesting, therefore, to note that the headquarters of the Pan-Asian League, which appears

to consist of four or five Japanese,

two Indians, and a Chinese, recently issued a circular concerning the arrest of some Indians in the small French settlement of Chandernagor, above Calcutta.

According to this pamphlet, "India is at war with Britain" (sic). The French authorities, it is declared, ought not therefore to have permitted the extradition of the arrested men, but should have treated them as

soldiers and interned them.

The Japanese Government has always been inclined to frown on this league. Nevertheless, its pronouncements find their way into the columns of the Japanese Press from time to time, as also do the hysterical ravings of Indian political agitators, who have fled to Japan to escape justice. At nothing is ever done to correct the gross misrepresentations of British rule made by them therein, it is hardly surprising that the Japanese reading public come to believe that Gandhi's characterisation of the British Raj as "Satanic" is justified.

Nicaraguan Canal.

During the year inconclusive conversations were held concerning a treaty to govern relations between the Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama; United States army engineers pressed the survey of the Nicaraguan Canal project; and the United States avoided intervention in Cuba under authority of the Platt Amendment, desired by some Cuban political elements.

United States and Mexico relations continued to reflect the "good will engendered by the embassy of Mr. Dwight W. Morrow, who became United States Senator in December." He was succeeded by Ambassador J. Reuben Clark as Ambassador to Mexico.

Economic relations between the two countries were depressed by low prices of Mexican silver, petroleum, and other commodities.

Mexico's increasingly adverse trade balance caused concern to Mexican officials, and early changes in Mexican tariff laws were expected.

United Press.

Timing is the secret of heading a ball. A golfer knows that it is not the hardest "wipe" which sends the ball the longest distance, but the accurately timed hit. It is the same with heading.—Alec Janes.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels. Entertainments.

To-night—Theatre Royal, "Westminster Glee Singers."

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Call of the Flesh."

To-day—Central Theatre, "Mambo."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "His First Command."

To-day—World Theatre, "Love and Duty" (Chinese drama).

To-day—Star Theatre, "It Can Be Done."

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from America and ports (Empress of Asia and President Taft). Outward for Europe via San Francisco, 5 p.m., and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Jackson).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Khiva), 10.30 a.m. Sports.

See Diary on page 12.

Meeting.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

To-morrow—At 178, The Peak, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday—At the Industrial Commercial Bank, Queen's Road Central, office furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

Wednesday—Lecture at Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Wednesday—Munsang College prize distribution, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

Thursday—Ellis Kadourie School prize distribution, 10.30 a.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

INDIAN COTTON TRADE.

Bombay to Lose Its Futures Market.

Bombay, Dec. 4.

News has been received in Bombay that the Cotton Association in Liverpool have decided to start a Futures Contract Market for trading in Indian cotton. Trading will begin on February 2.

The following styles will be tenderable against the new contract, the first having been selected as a basis:—Central Provinces saw-ginned; Junjab machine-ginned; Punjab-Surat (surtees); Cambodia; Karangunji; Broach and Rangoon.

The Liverpool move is the direct outcome of the disorganisation of the cotton trade in Bombay, following repeated hartals.

During the last eight months the cotton market here remained closed for no less than 65 working days.

A large portion of the future business in cotton hitherto done in Bombay will now be transferred to Liverpool.

Cotton brokers in Bombay stand to lose heavily as the result of this move.

What "Hartals" Have Done.

It has taken years of thought and toil to make the Bombay Cotton Futures Market what it was.

Until the civil disobedience campaign began, the Bombay Market had attained world-wide importance and was being used freely, not only by the people in Bombay and other parts of India, but also by cotton dealers in Britain, the Continent, the United States, China and Japan.

The events of the past eight months have shaken the faith of the majority of these dealers, for a Futures Market, to be of any use to the trading community, must be broad and always available for trading.

During the last eight months the Bombay Market has been closed on no fewer than 65 days, when it ought to have been open.

In addition it is much narrower than it used to be.

As a world market it has ceased to exist.

It is difficult to understand the mentality of those who have been responsible for the indiscriminate closings.

Now that another crop is being marketed, the people who are the greatest losers are the poor ryots, who, after months of toil in their fields, are being forced to accept considerably less for their crops than would have been the case had the Bombay Cotton Market been allowed to function in a normal manner.

The marketing of a crop like cotton is a highly complicated affair.

What comes of the market in a few months is ab-

sorbed by the consumers over

twelve months, and it is only by

the use of a Futures Market that the

crops can be marketed in an order-

ly manner at a fair price, and the

revenue and usually pays for out of

the proceeds of his cotton, which he

uses to buy articles which he

needs for his family.

It is one of India's principal money

crops. This results in all branches

of business and in further impover-

ishment of the country.

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 11th February, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns,

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FIFTEEN.Difficulties Solved in
Latest Trial.

THREE-QUARTER WANTED

(By "Scrum Half")
The final Interport Trial on Saturday must have solved some of the difficulties which confronted the Selection Committee. The match, though played in a continual drizzle, was full of incident and good combination.

In reviewing the game, I feel that six players were outstanding. In the Probables' side Griffiths, Turner, and Buttress were the most prominent players, and in the Rest fifteen Rees, Selby, and McElney were the choice of a weaker side. Unfortunately Rees will not be able to find a place in the chosen fifteen due to complications regarding his qualification.

Selby Certain.
Selby has undoubtedly solved the scrum-half problem. He completely outplayed King in every department and, with a little training, should prove himself to be a match winner in the Hong Kong side. It would have been a welcome move had Selby changed with King at half-time, but there is yet plenty of time to see him in combination with Turner. We at least saw his fine defensive play.

McElney has almost forced himself into the side as a result of his fine display as hooker. Although backed up by a pack which was inferior in weight to their opponents, he gave Peers a good deal of trouble. His play in the loose was excellent and his tackling was deadly. Should he displace Peers as hooker, the latter is bound to gain inclusion on the merits of his all-round play.

West's Claims.

Law played a fine defensive game and held Lammert very well, but he can hardly hope to displace either Lammert or More.

As a wing forward, Cox played a very enterprising game, but he, too, has the misfortune to be up against two excellent men in Gammell and Massey. West played a dashing game in the loose and, provided he gets out of that fatal habit of trying to pick the ball up when dribbling, he should be able to displace Leckie in the second row of the scrum.

In the three-quarter line Plummer was the weak link owing to his slowness off the mark. His defensive play was good, but he lacked that initiative which is so essential when having two men to play to advantage. This position is really the only problem before the selectors. If one could depend on Allera being fit for the game there would be no need to worry, but this, unfortunately, is most unlikely. Allera would have improved the three-quarter line considerably. Perhaps Ferguson, who was unable to play in the final trial owing to injury, would be able to fill the vacancy with credit.

Forecast of Team.

A forecast of the fifteen is a little premature but on their present form the following would select themselves:

J. P. Whitham; G. P. Lammert, J. J. Ferguson, R. W. Griffiths, G. R. More; M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby; D. L. Milne Day, W. F. Peers; J. H. McElney, F. R. Burch, E. R. West, E. B. Gammell, E. F. Buttress, and B. P. Massey.

The selectors would be well advised to play the prospective Interport team in as many matches as possible, and they are fortunate to be able to play the same team in the Triangular Tournament. Continuous practice leads to good combination and understanding.

SCOTLAND DEFEAT
FRANCE.Two Penalties Against
a Dropped Goal.

FRENCH IMPETUOSITY.

Edinburgh, Saturday.
In the presence of 50,000 spectators at Murrayfield Park to-day, Scotland beat France by six points to four in the International Rugby football match.

The game was fought out with the keenest spirit, but the Frenchmen's typical impetuosity, which resulted in a stream of penalties for Scotland, spoilt the match.

They were penalised twice in the first ten minutes, one of which Allan converted, and he was successful later in turning another penalty to good account. At the interval Scotland held a six points lead.

In the second half the Scottish back three away many chances,

EWIN WINS BOUT IN
MANILA RING.Carlos Logan K.O. in the
Eighth Round.

A FINE VICTORY.

Seaman Harry Ewin, of H.M.S. Kent, appears to be going from strength to strength. Messages received by his friends in the Colony state that he knocked out Carlos Logan at the Stadium in Manila on Saturday night, administering the sleep-producer in the eighth round.

Ewin's victory will be sufficient to convince the sceptics in Manila that there are still one or two genuine mitt-slingers turned out from Britain. After the poor shows put up by some of the imported boxers, some of the Philippine fans not unnaturally began to think that overseas fighters were not quite the class they were made out to be.

Logan is considered about the best, or next-best man at his weight down South. His weight for the fight with Ewin is not yet definitely known, although Ewin would probably come in at about 164 lb.

The result heightens the interest in the middleweight title fight between Ewin and Crichton, to be put on by the Hong Kong Boxing Association on Saturday, February 7.

Shephard's Cruel Luck.
News which makes much less pleasant hearing is that Jack Shephard, classy middleweight of H.M.S. Cumberland, has met with a serious accident to his hand, and it is said, may possibly lose finger. From the standpoint of boxing in particular, this is most unfortunate for Shephard, as it may possibly put an end to his ring activities.

Shephard was in line for a bout with Crichton, which of course has had to be put off. In fact, with Ewin, Crichton, and Shephard in the Colony together, some great middleweight contests had been anticipated.

Boxing fans will wish Shephard a speedy recovery, and trust that his accident will not turn out so serious as reported.

LAWN TENNIS.

ARMY TEAM DEFEAT THE CIVIL
SERVICE.

THREE SETS DROPPED.

Playing at Sooknupoo yesterday afternoon, a team representing the Army easily defeated a Civil Service team in a lawn tennis match by the large margin of 15 sets to three. Scores:

Stocker and Atkinson (Army)—best Bradley and Freeman . . . 6-2, 6-3 best Bendall and Fowler . . . 6-2, 7-5 best Randle and Anderson . . . 6-2, 0-3 Mitchell and Paston (Army)—best Bradley and Freeman . . . 6-1, 6-4 best Bendall and Fowler . . . 6-4, 4-6 best Randle and Anderson . . . 6-4, 6-2 Paul and Ormerod (Army)—best Bradley and Freeman . . . 6-2, 6-6 best Bendall and Fowler . . . 6-4, 6-6 best Randle and Anderson . . . 6-4, 6-2

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Forecast of Team.

A forecast of the fifteen is a little premature but on their present form the following would select themselves:

J. P. Whitham; G. P. Lammert, J. J. Ferguson, R. W. Griffiths, G. R. More; M. W. Turner, J. A. R. Selby; D. L. Milne Day, W. F. Peers; J. H. McElney, F. R. Burch, E. R. West, E. B. Gammell, E. F. Buttress, and B. P. Massey.

The selectors would be well advised to play the prospective Interport team in as many matches as possible, and they are fortunate to be able to play the same team in the Triangular Tournament. Continuous practice leads to good combination and understanding.

YACHTING.

RESULTS OF WEEK-END
CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

MAST CARRIED AWAY.

On a somewhat choppy sea the ninth Championship Race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was sailed on Saturday over a course of 7.75 miles, extending from North Fairway Buoy to Rumsey Shoal. Five yachts failed to finish the race; one, Adana, having her mast carried away. Four yachts, Falcon, Alisa, Lola and Wendy, did not sail. The results are as follows:

"H" Class.

[Started at 2.30 p.m.]

TIME: FINISHED CORRECTED

Diana 4.23.00 4.25.00

Galleon (6) 4.01.13 4.01.53

Holy (4) Did not finish

Nereus (8) 4.01.52 4.01.52

Argula II (2) 4.10.00 4.01.37

Dorothaea (1) 4.07.23 8.59.06

"H," "I," & "J" Classes.

[Started at 2.35 p.m.]

TIME: FINISHED CORRECTED

Daphne Did not finish

Jasmine (8) 4.23.00 4.25.00

Why Wonder? (6) 4.57.42 4.55.46

Viking Did not finish

Bluestreak (6) 4.58.34 4.58.88

Bouleum (1) 4.27.41 4.28.45

Speedwell (4) 4.35.05 4.38.09

Adams Did not finish

Zephyr (2) 4.20.13 4.24.25

faulty handling while the Frenchmen defended desperately. Lamgrin, the Scottish full-back, retired hurt. Meanwhile Scarsdale dropped a goal for France, who made a great rally but failed to save the game.

Result—

Scotland 6 points

France 5 points

—Reuter.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

WEAK RESISTANCE BY THE CLUB.

SOUTH CHINA VICTORIOUS.

In Division I the Club put up a surprisingly weak resistance against South China on Saturday and went down by six clear goals, though it must be said that they fielded a very weak side. The Police could not stay against Kowloon, who won fairly comfortably and, after a keen tussle at Sooknupoo, the Argylls disposed of the Borderers by the odd goal in five.

The chief attraction in Division II, was the encounter of the Navy and Eastern, the latter breaking up badly before the strong Navy attack. The Borderers' second string scored a runaway victory at the expense of South China.

In the Junior Division the Ordnance continue triumphantly towards the top of the league, their victims being the Borderers. The Engineers failed miserably against the Airmen, and the R.A.S.C. enjoyed another fine win at the expense of South China.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

| | Division I. | Division II. | Division III. |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Athletic Club | 2 St. Joseph's | 1 South China | 1 |
| Police | 2 Kowloon | 4 Argylls | 3 |
| Borderers | 2 Argylls | 0 Recreio | 2 |
| R.A. | 0 Recreio | 15 | |
| | | | |
| Navy | 3 Eastern | 1 | |
| St. Joseph's | 0 University | 4 | |
| Athletic Club | 1 | 1 | |
| South China | 0 Borderers | 5 | |
| R.A. | 0 Argylls | 3 | |
| | | | |
| Borderers | 1 R.A.C. | 2 | |
| Athletic | 2 Ewo | 0 | |
| R.A.S.C. | 6 South China | 2 | |
| R.E. | 1 R.A.F. | 4 | |

GOAL SCORERS.

| | Division I. | Division II. | Division III. |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Fung King-cheung (S. China) | 5 | | |
| Ianson (Kowloon) | 2 | | |
| Harris (Borderers) | 1 | | |
| Ip Pak-wa (South China) | 1 | | |
| Suen Kam-shun (Athletic) | 1 | | |
| Mak Kwok-tung (Athletic) | 1 | | |
| Victor (St. Joseph's) | 1 | | |
| Collaco (Recreio) | 1 | | |
| Rocha (Recreio) | 1 | | |
| Grimwood (Kowloon) | 1 | | |
| Simpson (Kowloon) | 1 | | |
| Cornwall (Police) | 1 | | |
| Pile (Police) | 1 | | |
| Louden (Argylls) | 1 | | |
| Henderson (Penalty—Argylls) | 1 | | |
| Campbell (Argylls) | 1 | | |

Division II.

| | Division |
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| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Jan. 2) | President Taft |
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| Japan | Ginyo Maru |
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| Japan and Shanghai | Comorin |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 31. | |
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| Java | Storviken |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1. | |
| Shanghai and Amoy | Tjikbadak |
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| Japan and Shanghai | Andra Lebon |
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| President Jackson (Due San Francisco, Feb. 18.) | |
| Parcels | Jan. 26, 3 p.m. |
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| Swatow | |
| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28. | |
| Tjikembang | 10.30 a.m. |
| Haiching | 1 p.m. |
| Seistan | 2.30 p.m. |
| Haval | 3.30 p.m. |
| President Taft | 4.30 p.m. |
| Hang Sang | 5 p.m. |
| JANUARY 29. | |
| New Mathilde | 8.30 a.m. |
| Khiva | 10.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | 1 p.m. |
| Straits | 2.30 p.m. |
| Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia | 3.30 p.m. |
| Manila | 4.30 p.m. |
| Swatow | 5 p.m. |
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| Straits | |
| Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong | |
| Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia | |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 30. | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles | |
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| Parcels | Jan. 30, 4.30 p.m. |
| Registration | Jan. 31, 9 a.m. |
| Letters | 10 a.m. |
| Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane | |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 31. | |
| Japan and *Canada via Victoria, B.C. | |
| Tyndareus (Due Victoria, B.C., Feb. 24.) | |
| Registration | Jan. 31, 9.15 a.m. |
| Letters | 10 a.m. |
| President McKinley | 4.30 p.m. |
| Ginyo Maru | 5 p.m. |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1. | |
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| Bandakan | 9 a.m. |
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ARSENAL & WEDNESDAY OUT.

London, Saturday. The following were the results of to-day's matches.—

ENGLISH CUP.

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|---|
| Crystal Palace | 0 | Everton | 6 |
| Bradford C. | 0 | Wolves | 0 |
| Bury | 1 | Exeter | 2 |
| Leeds | 4 | Newcastle | 1 |
| Grimsby | 1 | Manchester U. | 0 |
| Southport | 2 | Blackpool | 1 |
| Blackburn | 5 | Bristol Rev. | 0 |
| Bradford | 2 | Burnley | 0 |
| Bolton | 1 | Sunderland | 1 |
| Sheffield U. | 4 | Notts Co. | 1 |
| W. Bromwich | 1 | Tottenham | 0 |
| Watford | 2 | Brighton | 1 |
| Brentford | 0 | Portsmouth | 1 |
| Barnsley | 2 | Wednesday | 0 |
| Birmingham | 2 | Port Vale | 0 |

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

| | | | |
|------------------------|---|--------------|---|
| Liverpool | 1 | Aston Villa | 1 |
| Middlesbrough | 2 | Huddersfield | 3 |
| Charlton | 0 | Bristol C. | 0 |
| Notts F. | 2 | Millwall | 1 |
| Southampton | 3 | Reading | 2 |
| Swansea | 2 | Plymouth | 0 |
| Division I.—Southern. | | | |
| Fulham | 4 | Thames | 1 |
| Swindon | 5 | Clapton O. | 1 |
| Walsall | 0 | Queen's P.R. | |
| Division II.—Northern. | | | |
| Accrington | 3 | Carlisle | 1 |
| Barrow | 1 | Rotherham | 0 |
| Chesterfield | 0 | Hull | 2 |
| Crewe | 2 | Wrexham | 1 |
| Doncaster | 0 | Lincoln | 1 |
| Gateshead | 1 | Hartlepools | 1 |
| Hullifax | 1 | Darlington | 0 |
| New Brighton | 2 | Nelson | 1 |
| Rochdale | 1 | Tranmere | 0 |
| Stockport | 4 | Wigan | 1 |
| SCOTTISH LEAGUE. | | | |
| Aberdeen | 1 | Celtic | 1 |
| Glyde | 2 | Airdrie | 1 |
| East Fife | 0 | Partick | 0 |
| Falkirk | 4 | Cowdenbeath | 0 |
| Hamilton | 1 | Dundee | 0 |
| Hibernians | 2 | Ayr | 0 |
| Kilmarnock | 1 | Motherwell | 4 |
| Morton | 2 | Hearts | 4 |
| Queen's Park | 1 | Leith | 1 |
| Rangers | 1 | St. Mirren | 1 |

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|------------|---|----|----|----|
| Division I. | | Goals. | | | | |
| P. W. | D. L. | F. A. Pts. | | | | |
| Wednesday | 28 | 16 | 5 | 70 | 41 | 37 |
| Arsenal | 23 | 5 | 3 | 69 | 34 | 33 |
| Anton Villa | 27 | 13 | 8 | 66 | 58 | 34 |
| Derby | 25 | 13 | 7 | 55 | 49 | 30 |
| Portsmouth | 25 | 11 | 9 | 55 | 41 | 31 |
| West Ham | 25 | 11 | 6 | 57 | 53 | 28 |
| Middlesbrough | 27 | 12 | 4 | 51 | 55 | 28 |
| Huddersfield | 28 | 10 | 7 | 58 | 48 | 27 |
| Blackburn | 26 | 10 | 6 | 56 | 50 | 20 |
| Bristol R. | 26 | 11 | 4 | 41 | 44 | 23 |
| Watford | 25 | 9 | 5 | 41 | 40 | 27 |
| Chelsea | 25 | 10 | 5 | 40 | 45 | 25 |
| Liverpool | 26 | 9 | 7 | 50 | 44 | 25 |
| Leicester | 25 | 11 | 3 | 51 | 44 | 25 |
| Newcastle | 25 | 10 | 4 | 53 | 56 | 22 |
| Swindon | 25 | 7 | 8 | 53 | 56 | 22 |
| Bolton | 25 | 9 | 4 | 52 | 55 | 22 |
| Leeds | 25 | 8 | 4 | 53 | 56 | 20 |
| Birmingham | 26 | 5 | 7 | 52 | 50 | 19 |
| Grimbsay | 27 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 47 | 18 |
| Blackpool | 25 | 6 | 6 | 43 | 41 | 18 |
| Mc'chester U. | 26 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 31 | 10 |
| Tottenham | 25 | 12 | 3 | 50 | 49 | 10 |
| Division II. | | Goals. | | | | |
| P. W. | D. L. | F. A. Pts. | | | | |
| Everton | 25 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 80 | 39 |
| West Brom. | 25 | 14 | 5 | 56 | 70 | 28 |
| Tottenham | 25 | 15 | 2 | 8 | 60 | 33 |
| Wolves | 25 | 16 | 0 | 9 | 58 | 32 |
| Preston N.E. | 25 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 53 | 22 |
| Bury | 25 | 13 | 3 | 9 | 57 | 48 |
| Port Vale | 25 | 13 | 3 | 9 | 50 | 43 |
| Burnley | 25 | 12 | 5 | 58 | 53 | 28 |
| Southport | 26</td | | | | | |

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CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. IN UNLUCKY DRAW
WITH C.S.C.C.

CRAIGENGOWER LOSE AGAIN.

After literally having victory in their grasp, the Hong Kong C.C. conceded a draw to the Civil Service C.C. in Division I of the Cricket League on Saturday. The former got to within one run of their opponents' total with several wickets in hand, when time intervened.

The Royal Artillery upset calculations at Happy Valley by defeating the C.C.C. It seems that Craigengower's convincing form at the commencement of the season is rather misleading.

The struggle for championship honours in the Second Division continues apace, all the favourites winning. The Indian R.C. added another three points to their aggregate by overcoming the Royal Engineers, Civil Service, the only side with maximum points, got the better of the Hong Kong C.C. in a low-scoring match, and the Kowloon C.C. trounced the Royal Corps of Signals.

League I.

H.K.C.C. DROP ANOTHER TWO
POINTS.

BAD LUCK!

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. drew with the Civil Service C.C.

Scores:

Civil Service C.C.
F. J. de Rome, b Beck 44
G. R. Sayer, c and b Beck 35
J. E. Richardson, c Beck, b Reid 15
B. D. Evans, Bowker, b Reid 0
F. Baker, c and b Reid 0
E. W. Hamilton, b Bowker 3
D. R. Kelly, c Beck, b Bowker 6
F. H. Holdman, c Wild, b Beck 11
E. B. Reed, b Beck 10
F. J. Ling, not out 0
Extras 24

Total 143

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Bowker 10 2 28 2
Reid 15 4 45 4
Beck 9 2 3 28 4
Batger 4 0 24 0

Hong Kong C.C.

T. E. Pearce, c and b Ling 63
E. R. Duckitt, b Reed 55
K. H. Batger, b Reed 7
R. H. Wild, c Richardson, b Baker 7
A. Reid, b Baker 13
C. E. Cahagan, b Baker 4
A. C. J. Bowker, not out 32
A. C. Beck, not out 3
Extras 16

Total (for 6 wktas.) 148

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Batger 8 0 26 1
Reid 11 0 38 2
Baker 10 3 35 3
Kelly 3 1 10 0
Hamilton 4 0 23 0

BRYANT'S FINE INNINGS
FOR R.A.

CCC. DEFEATED.

At Happy Valley, the Craigengower C.C. lost to the Royal Artillery by three wickets.

Scores:

Craigengower C.C.
H. P. Lim, c Miller, b Bryant 2
S. V. Gittins, run out 4
E. Zilmern, b Musson 5
A. T. Lee, b Musson 18
U. M. Omar, b Bryant 10
A. B. Hamson, c Wolf-Barry, b Willis 38
R. Sourbutts, c Christian, b Musson 13
R. F. Patterson, l.b.w., b Musson 13
R. Lee, b Musson 15
R. Musson, b Reed 6
R. G. Reed, not out 1
Extras 23

Total 145

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Musson 18.8 6 33 6
Evant 7 1 32 2
Miller 8 1 35 3
Willis 3 0 18 1

Royal Artillery.

L. Haslewood, b R. Lee 4

Lt. Wolf-Barry, b R. Lee 26

Capt. Dunlop, b Sourbutts 9

Lt. Musson, b Gittins 22

L/Bdr. Cambey, l.b.w., b Gittins 14

L/Bdr. Bryant, not out 42

Lt. Macfarlane, c and b R. Lee 8

Lt. Warling, c Omar, b R. Lee 23

Capt. Miller, b A. T. Lee 1

Extra 1

Total (for 8 wktas.) 150

Lt. Christian, and Bdr. Willis, did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Omar 9 3 20 0
Lee 7 2 30 1
Sourbutts 3 0 15 1
Gittins 5 0 23 1

League II.

R.E. FAIL TO HOLD JUNIOR
LEADERS.

L.R.C. WIN AGAIN.

On their own ground, the Royal Engineers lost to the Indian R.C. in Division II by 70 runs.

Scores:

Indian R.C. II.
M. P. Madar, b Holmes 10
J. F. Fletcher, b Musson 12
A. B. Hamson, c and b Madar 8
A. R. H. H. H. H. 10
M. P. Madar, b Holmes 14

Total (for 8 wktas.) 81

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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Omar 9 3 20 0
Lee 7 2 30 1
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CRAIGENGOWER LOSE AGAIN.

After literally having victory in their grasp, the Hong Kong C.C. conceded a draw to the Civil Service C.C. in Division I of the Cricket League on Saturday. The former got to within one run of their opponents' total with several wickets in hand, when time intervened.

The Royal Artillery upset calculations at Happy Valley by defeating the C.C.C. It seems that Craigengower's convincing form at the commencement of the season is rather misleading.

The struggle for championship honours in the Second Division continues apace, all the favourites winning. The Indian R.C. added another three points to their aggregate by overcoming the Royal Engineers, Civil Service, the only side with maximum points, got the better of the Hong Kong C.C. in a low-scoring match, and the Kowloon C.C. trounced the Royal Corps of Signals.

League I.

H.K.C.C. DROP ANOTHER TWO
POINTS.

BAD LUCK!

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. drew with the Civil Service C.C.

Scores:

Royal Engineers.
S/M. Gomer, b Abbas 0
Spr. Waldron, b Arculli 4
Spr. Holmes, c, A. R. Suffield, b Arculli 0
Lt.-Col. Marston, run out 14
A. M. Rumjahn, b Deavall 12

Extras 12

LEAGUE'S WORK.

GERMANY DUBIOUS AS TO ARMS REDUCTION.

THE GOLD STANDARD.

Geneva, Saturday. At a public session of the League of Nations' Council Mr. Arthur Henderson said that immediately he returned to London the British Government would start preparation for the Disarmament Conference. He hoped that every member of the League would concentrate upon it, and said that the framework (namely, the draft convention) was established, and the figures must now be inserted.

Herr Curtius (Germany) said the draft convention, to which Germany had not agreed should not be binding, and the question should be further examined.

M. Briand, supporting Mr. Henderson, reminded Herr Curtius that the work of the Preparatory Committee had occupied five years. A maximum agreement had been reached, and any re-opening of the question would jeopardise the conference.

Herr Curtius, in reply, agreed that all the Powers should go to the conference determined to carry out Article Eight of the League Covenant, which provides that all nations reduce armaments to the lowest figure compatible with security. He added that he had not said that the whole discussion should be reopened, but that there had been certain points as to which Germany was unable to agree.

The Gold Question. The second Interim Report of the Gold Delegation on the working of the gold standard is described as of "most considerable interest and importance." It has been submitted to the League Council, and will be circulated to both non-members and members of the League.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who presided, said that the Council hoped the Report would advance the elucidation of a most difficult problem.

Rapporteur Mowinkel (Norway) said that the Report had not dealt with the problem as to whether a relationship existed between the present economic depression and the gold position. This was outside the terms of reference. The Delegation had confined itself to indicating the principles upon which it was of opinion the efficient working of a gold standard must primarily depend.

A further Report may be issued by summing up the situation.—Reuter.

HOUSE OF HABSBURG

ARCHDUKE OTTO DECLARED ITS HEAD.

The young Archduke Otto, eldest son of the late Emperor-King Karl of Austria-Hungary, attained his 18th year on November 20, and under the Habsburg Family Law became of age.

Although there is said to be no present intention on the part of the Legitimists of trying to place him on the Throne of Hungary—still less of Austria—the event is of considerable European importance.

For Hungary, unlike Austria, is not a Republic, but is ruled by a Regent; Admiral Horthy, and the return of the Habsburgs to that throne is not expressly barred by the Treaties made after the war. Moreover, the ex-Empress Zita, the Archduke's mother, and her adherents have expressly declared on many occasions that the claim to the Crown has never been abandoned.

But the ex-Empress formally notified the Belgian Foreign Office that she did not meditate any attempt to place her son on the Throne.

The coming of age was celebrated at the Chateau de Steenockerzeel, near Brussels, the residence of the ex-Empress. The festivities were of an intimate family character, though a number of Austrian and Hungarian notabilities were present.

Ex-Empress's Declaration. The most important event was the reading at nine a.m. of a formal statement in German by the ex-Empress Zita, to the gathering of Austrians and Hungarians.

The statement was to the effect that by reason of having attained his majority the Archduke Otto was henceforth the sole head of the Royal House of Hungary. This declaration was signed by all those present.

At ten o'clock Mgr. Seydl, Bishop of Vienna, celebrated mass in the chapel. He then delivered an address, in which he emphasised the importance of the occasion. He expressed the hope of soon hearing a "Te Deum" sung no longer in exile, but at Budapest, where the Archduke would be received in a manner conformable to his rank and his new dignity.

In the afternoon a reception was held, at which Austrian and Hun-

THE OTHER EROS.

A PLANET'S STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

MILES OFF ITS COURSE.

Astronomers have been thrown into confusion by the mysterious behaviour of the little planet Eros, which approaches nearer to the earth by many million miles than any other planet. Particular attention is now being given to it, for it is nearer than at any time since its discovery in 1898, writes a "Morning Post" special representative.

Eros is important, because the scale of the entire solar system can be determined from it. But like its namesake, the god of love, the planet has belied the experts by appearing in an unexpected position.

Five years ago its movements were tabulated, so it was thought, for all time, and some twenty observatories have been making ready for the expected approach. To measure the position of Eros elaborate plans were made for charting with special accuracy the background of stars across which the path of Eros would move. Now it has been found that the planet is 60,000 miles out of its calculated course and no longer in the middle of the starry track which the astronomers had prepared.

Stars Become Out-Of-Date. "The discrepancy," Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin, President of the Royal Astronomical Society, explained to me, would correspond to about an inch and a quarter on the largest photographic plates which are used at Greenwich. This means that roughly a quarter of the many hundreds of stars chosen for reference are now unsuitable for the purpose.

"There are two alternatives," Dr. Crommelin added. "Either the astronomers can use the original stars and lose accuracy, or they can take their photographs of Eros now and determine the requisite number of additional stars at a later date. It is the second course which will probably be followed at Greenwich. The necessary calculations will however, take several years to complete."

In spite of these difficulties Dr. J. D. Jackson, Sir Frank Dyson's principal assistant at the Royal Observatory, expressed the opinion to me that the distance of Eros would be successfully measured to within one part in four thousand, or double the accuracy of the last measurements.

The method, he explained, is exactly analogous to that employed in range-finding or surveying. Theoretically, it would be possible to measure the position of Eros as seen from two different observatories at the same time and from the difference in apparent position to deduce the distance of the planet.

Actually the measurements are taken from the same observatory at different times. Between nightfall and dawn the observatory itself moves with the rotation of the earth, so that two photographs taken at 10 p.m. and at 5 a.m. are in effect photographs of the planet from different positions. Meanwhile the planet itself has also moved, and it is in making allowance for this factor that most of the complications arise.

FRENCH CABINET. TO BE FORMED BY M. LAVAL.

Paris, Saturday. Following the defeat of the Government and the resignation of M. Steeg's cabinet, M. Briand was asked to form a new Government, but refused.

M. Laval, however, has accepted the invitation of M. Doumergue (President) to constitute a new cabinet.—Reuter.

garian Royalists, and the friends of the exiled Court were present.

All Powers Handed Over.

The ex-Empress, speaking in German, congratulated her son and emphasised the importance of the role he has henceforth to play as head of the House of Habsburg; she added that she handed over to him all the powers she had received from the dead King Karl.

The Archduke replied with emotion, thanking his mother for all her care and affirming his ardent love of his country. He begged his mother to continue to exercise his rights until he had finished his studies.

At night there was a banquet at which the Archduke Otto presided. In addition to the ex-Empress Zita and the Duchess of Saxe, his grandmother, the fifty-two persons present included the Archduke Max (brother of the late Emperor Karl), Prince Xavier and State of Bourbon-Parme, the seven brothers and sisters of the young Archduke, Prince John of Leuchtenstein, and Prince Schamburg.

The Archduke wore the Hungarian national costume. There were no speeches.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7.8 p.m.—Variety.

Band—
Bells of Saint Malo—Intermezzo
(Klimmer).
Gladiator's Farewell
(Blankenburg).
National Military Band
(18).

Song—
Romance (from "Cameo Kirby").
John Boles, Tenor (22230).

Accordion Solo—
Medley of Italian Airs.
Pietro (81710).

Humorous Song—
Some of These Days.
Sophie Tucker (22049).

Instrumental Trio—
Down in the Forest.
(Sir Landor Ronald).
Groot Trio (9).

Chorus—
Singing a Vagabond Song.
The Revelers (22301).

Ocarina Solo—
The Canary (Rizzi).
The Nightingale (Cibelli).
Fred Bruno (31).

Humorous Song—
I Like to Do Things For You
(from "King of Jazz").
Grace Hayes (22388).

Famo Solo—
Just for To-night (Oscar Geiger).

A Little Kiss Each Morning.
(from "The Vagabond King").
John Kurucz (38).

Vocal Duet—
Oh! Baby What a Night.
Billy Murray and Walter
Scanlon (22040).

Song—
S'Posin'.
Mildred Hunt assisted by
the Landt Trio (22105).

Orchestra—
That Naughty Waltz (Levy).
Victoria Orchestra (30).

8.8.25 p.m.—
Sonata in C Minor (Grieg, Op. 45).

Sergei Rachmaninoff and Fritz
Kreisler (8106).

8.25-8.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
The Merry Widow—Potpourri
(Franz Lehár).
Mark Weber & His Orch.
(50007).

Dollar Princess—Medley (Leo Fall).
Nat Shilkret & His Orchestra
(50011).

Fogger Student—Medley
(Millecker).

Mark Weber & His Orchestra
(68905).

8.50-9 p.m.—
The Beautiful Galatea—Overture
(Suppe arr. Artok).
Berlin State Opera Orchestra
directed by Ernest Viebig
(59072).

9.1 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9.05-9.30 p.m.—Concert Items.

Orchestra—
Don Juan—Overture (Mozart).
Concert Orchestra (29).

Song—
Chair De Lune (The Wistful Moon).
Reinhardt, Soprano
(1439).

On the Banks of the Danube,
John Kurucz (12).

Song—
Premiere Carosse (De Crescenzo).
Eols Enails, Tenor (1437).
Enrico Caruso, Tenor (1437).

9.30-10 p.m.—From the Studio:
Readings from Shakespeare by
Members of the A.D.C.

10.10.30 p.m.—Experiment Re-
lay.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

BRUTAL MURDER.

NEW JACK-THE-RIPPER BELIEVED AT LARGE.

POLICE MYSTIFIED.

London, Saturday. Scotland Yard is puzzled by another murder which recalls the terrible Dusseldorf affairs of last year in its brutality and apparent lack of motive.

Early yesterday morning a workman walking across the common at Blackheath stumbled against the body of a girl. He reported the matter to the Police, who soon identified it as that of an eighteen-year-old local servant girl, named Louise Steel. From the marks found on her neck and throat it was apparent that she had been strangled. Her body was terribly mutilated.

Much Traffic.

There is always a great deal of traffic on the Heath, and the fact that numerous pedestrians must have passed the spot without noticing the body supports the Police theory that she was murdered in a motor car and then flung onto the Heath.

The strange circumstances of the case suggest that a maniac of the Jack-the-Ripper type is at large in London.

There is at present considerable agitation in Liberal and Labour quarters over the prolonged absence on the Riviera of Lord Byng, who has not returned to his duties in spite of the recent death of Admiral Sir Charles Royds, the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. This latest murder mystery has intensified the clamour for Lord Byng's resignation and the reorganisation of Scotland Yard.—Reuter.

Lord Byng, first Viscount of Vimy, was appointed Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1928, and is a son of the second Earl of Stratford. He was famous for his command of the third Army in France, when the British forces gained a great victory, and for these services he was thanked by Parliament and granted £20,000. He was Governor-General of Canada from 1921-26, and is 69 years of age.]

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NATIONAL FORCES.

GENERAL'S TO COMMAND RAILWAY ZONE.

PRESIDENT'S ORDERS.

Nanking, Saturday. President Chiang Kai-shek has appointed the following Generals to command the Government forces along the Tsingpu, Lunghai, Kinhan railways, respectively—Wang Chun, Ku Chu-ching, and Liu Yuan-chuan.

The orders concerning these appointments state that in the event of emergency not only troops but all railway officials will be subject to the orders of these Generals.—Reuter.

INVASION OF KANSU

WU PEI-FU ACTIVE IN SZECHUAN.

Peking, Yesterday.

The name of Wu Pei-fu has again cropped up in Chinese reports from Szechuan, which state that at his headquarters at Sui-tung he is organising all the superfluous troops in Szechuan for an invasion of Kansu.

Generals Teng Hsi-hou and Chen Sung-yao, whose movements on the Szechuan-Kansu border have created suspicion for some time, are reported to have penetrated Kansu and occupied Pi-kow.—Reuter.

ARSON CAMPAIGN.

VAST AREAS OF CANE-SUGAR DESTROYED.

Havana, Saturday.

Already 1,825,000 lb. of cane sugar have been destroyed by another fire, which is still spreading in plantations in Matanzas province. Police are investigating, but the suspected incendiaries have so far not been traced.—Reuter.

[Previous messages indicated an intense incendiarism campaign in the Cuban canefields. Last week more than a million pounds of cane were destroyed in conflagrations in Havana and Matanzas provinces.]

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SAFETY OF ST. PAUL'S.

Proposed 'Sacred Area': Too Deep Basements.

The formation of a "sacred area" round St. Paul's Cathedral for the purpose of preserving the building from danger is now receiving the serious attention of the City Corporation. It is proposed that a space shall be defined within which no excavations shall be permitted which would imperil the safety of the fabric.

The Cathedral authorities have long recognised the importance of the subject, the urgency of which has frequently been referred to. The large expenditure on the restoration of the building has led to a revival of the question, particularly in view of the expiration of leases of premises near the Cathedral and the possible erection of buildings which would require deep basements. Early last year Canon Alexander, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, sent to the Corporation a resolution of the representative committee to the effect that the Corporation should be approached "with a view to ascertaining if definite steps can be taken to control the construction of basements in the vicinity of the Cathedral." It was pointed out that the Dean and Chapter have been warned repeatedly by their advisers to guard against dangers arising from underground operations in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral, but as things are at present they have no power to find out the nature of any such work, and have to depend for their information on the courtesy of the owners of the property being reconstructed.

It has been stated that the level of the lowest floor of a building is determined by the Corporation, but that the Corporation has no control over the foundations, and that builders must go down low enough to secure the safety of the superstructure. For the purpose of removing any danger to St. Paul's, the Cathedral authorities have urged that powers should be obtained to ensure that no deep underground works are constructed within a defined area around the building.

The subject is being considered by a committee of the City Corporation and a plan has been prepared showing an area around the Cathedral in which it is suggested there should be no excavations that would be a source of danger to the building. The plan, it is understood, has been a subject of dis-

cussion between the committee and the Cathedral authorities. If what has been described as the Sacred Area is decided upon, Parliamentary powers, it is stated, will be required to give the Corporation the necessary control over work of excavation.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

FENCING — To-day — Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 3.15 p.m.

GOLF — To-morrow — Completion of Semi-Finals of Adamson Cup.

Friday — First Round of Captain's Cup (Ladies); Fourth Round of Taggart Cup.

Saturday — Governor's Shield Semi-Finals.

Sunday — Second Round Junior Championship, Farning.

February 10 — Junior Section Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).

FOOTBALL — To-morrow — Interport Trial, Game — Army v. The Rest, 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday — R.A.O.C. Warrant Officers and Sergeants v. South Wales Borderers Warrant Officers and Sergeants, Sookunpon, 3 p.m.

Saturday — Lal Wah Cup Final — Chinese v. Civilians;

Second Division — Navy v. Club, Easton v. St. Joseph's, Borderers

— Royal Artillery, Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C., Argyll v. South China Club, Club de Recreio v. University; Third Division — Royal Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Royal Air Force v. R.A.O.C., Chinese Athletic v. Borderers, South China v. Two.

CHESS — To-morrow — Kowloon Chess Club Championships.

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FANLING HUNT — Wednesday — Race Course.

Saturday — Sun Wai Camp.

Sunday — Paper-Hunt, Potts' Bungalow, 3.15 p.m.

February 8 — Club v. Navy (Triangular Tournament).

RACING — Wednesday — Entries Close for Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 8 — Fanning, Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7 — Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22 — Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

CRICKET — Saturday — Division I: Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (L); University v. Craigengower (C.G. (L)); Indian R.C. v. Royal Artillery (F); Hong Kong C.C. Married v. Singles; Division II: Royal Engineers v. Civil Service (C.C. (L)); Club de Recreio v. Kowloon C.C. (L).

ATHLETICS — March 15 and 16 — Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME.

FOOTBALL — Saturday — Scottish Cup — Second Round.

JAPANESE CENSUS REVELATIONS.

Hundreds Found Living in Empty Sewers.

Hundreds of people living in empty sewer pipes;

Thousands altogether homeless or living in huts;

Thousands unemployed.

These were some of the discoveries made during the taking of the great Japanese Census, the results of which have now been announced.

More than 250,000 people were employed taking the census which has cost approximately £100,000. Only three people were exempted from the census, the Emperor Hirohito, the Empress Nagako and the Dowager Empress Sadako. The 62 princes and princesses of the blood, including two young daughters of the Emperor, were all listed and were required to fill in forms giving their ages, occupations and places of residence.

One of the greatest problems of the census was the difficulty of tracing the thousands of Japanese who live on the great canals and rivers. These men, with their wives and children, live in the boats and move from place to place, a special "flying squad" was engaged to deal with these people and also to deal with the waifs who sleep in parks and temple compounds. Many of these children had to be tempted into the open with gifts of rice cake.

Experts estimate that the present census will require four years to tabulate.—British United Press.

SLAVERY CHARGE.

LEAGUE SUGGESTIONS TO BE APPLIED.

Geneva, Saturday.

The Council of the League of Nations has received the Liberian Government's decision to apply the recommendations made by the special commission into slavery in the Republic.

The Rapporteur urged that the application of Liberia for administrative financial assistance should be granted conditionally on the reforms being carried out.

Mr. Arthur Henderson has been appointed Chairman of a sub-Committee on which will also be invited French, German and Liberian representatives, to supervise the grant of the League and the United States assistances.—Reuter.

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